management-fiscal prudence and austerity measures, were recently issued in August, 1999, outlining various austerity measures relating to ban on creation of posts, ban on filling up of vacant posts and implementation of the existing instructions regarding reduction of posts.

VRS During Second Generation Reforms

167. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan for VRS will be the inthing during the Second Generation Reforms; and

(b) the details of Government bodies/institutions where Government propose to go for VRS in future after PSU banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) As regards the policy on voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) in public sector banks, Regulation 29 of the bank (Employees') Pesnion Regulations, 1995 provides for grant of pensionary benefits to those who voluntarily retire from bank's service on or after 1st November, 1993 after completing 20 years of qualifying service. Government is yet to frame a new VRS for them. However, views of Chief Executives of public sector banks have been sought on the desirability of introducing a Scheme which is in operation in public sector undertakings, with or without modifications.

Additional Courts for disposing off pending cases

†168. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any plan to set up additional courts and appoint additional judges to dispose off cases pending for a long time in all the major courts in the country; and

(b) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) The

†Original notice of the Question received in Hindi.